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## **EXHIBIT 11**

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789(SMB) Adv. Pro. No. 10-04468(SMB)

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES, LLC,

Defendant.

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In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

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IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

KEN-WEN FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; KENNETH W. BROWN, in his capacity as a General Partner of the Ken-Wen Family Limited Partnership; and WENDY BROWN,

Defendants.

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DEPOSITION OF KENNETH WILLIAM BROWN

Taken on Behalf of the Plaintiff

DATE TAKEN: Monday, January 27, 2020

TIME: 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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- 1 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 1, Agreement, was
- 2 marked for identification.)
- 3 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 4 O. Do you recognize this document?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 O. What is it?
- 7 A. This is the limited partnership agreement,
- 8 as it says, for Ken-Wen Family Limited Partnership.
- 9 O. Do you see a date on that document?
- 10 A. June 14, 2000.
- 11 Q. If you'll turn to the last page. Do you
- 12 see your signature on this document?
- 13 A. Yes, that's my signature.
- Q. And in what capacity did you sign the
- 15 document?
- 16 A. General partner.
- 17 Q. So it's accurate to say that you were a
- 18 general partner of Ken-Wen?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And then on that same page to the right,
- 21 do you see Wendy Brown's signature?
- 22 A. I do.
- 23 O. Was Wendy also a general partner?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Other than Wendy and you, were there ever

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- 1 Ms. Werner and Mr. Bernfeld; is that correct?
- 2 MR. BERNFELD: Correct.
- MS. MARASCO: We'll just go off the record
- 4 very briefly.
- 5 (Discussion held off the record).
- 6 MS. MARASCO: I'm ready to go back on the
- 7 record. All set? Okay.
- 8 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 9 O. We are back on the record. It's
- 10 10:26 a.m.
- 11 We just completed discussions about the
- 12 partnership agreement. You can put that to the
- 13 side for now. I don't have anymore questions for
- 14 that document at this time.
- We just discussed that Ken-Wen had an
- investment account at BLMIS; is that correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 O. And we discussed that Ken-Wen held that
- 19 account in the partnership name; is that correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. And you may have mentioned this
- 22 before, but do you recall the account number?
- 23 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Was there more than one account?
- 25 A. No.

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- 1 O. Did you ever use the account in connection
- 2 with the operations of the partnership?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. And when I say "use the account," what do
- 5 you understand that to mean?
- 6 A. The account was inactive in any other
- 7 function other than for the investment account with
- 8 the Madoff firm, which was passively done. It was
- 9 not operated by myself or anyone else, other than
- 10 Madoff had full discretion.
- 11 MS. MARASCO: Okay. I am going to hand to
- the court reporter and ask her to mark two
- 13 exhibits. One is Mr. Brown's answer to the
- amended complaint and the other one is Wendy
- Brown, a/k/a Wendy Werner's answer to the
- 16 complaint. I'll ask them to be marked as
- 17 Exhibits 2 and 3, respectively.
- 18 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 2, Ken Brown's
- 19 Answer, was marked for identification.)
- 20 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 3, Wendy Brown's
- 21 Answer, was marked for identification.)
- MR. ROHER: Which one is two?
- MS. MARASCO: Two is the one on top. It
- is Mr. Brown's.
- 25 BY MS. MARASCO:

- 1 A. I see that.
- 2 Q. And you said you recognized your
- 3 handwriting. Do you also see your signature at the
- 4 bottom of the page?
- 5 A. Yes, I also see Wendy Brown's signature.
- 6 Q. And you see her signature right beneath
- 7 yours, right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. So looking at this document now, do you
- 10 have any understanding of what the purpose of this
- 11 document might be?
- 12 A. I had no idea when this document was
- 13 signed and sent.
- 14 Q. If you look at the last paragraph, it
- 15 says, "Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities,
- 16 a/k/a BLMIS, is instructed to direct all notices or
- 17 communications, including demands, notices,
- 18 confirmations, reports and statements of account
- 19 for the partnership in connection with the
- 20 partnership account as follows."
- 21 Did I read that correctly?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Did you receive notices or communications
- 24 from BLMIS?
- 25 A. Yes. Madoff Securities would have had to

- open the account with the Ken-Wen partnership
- 2 agreement. So -- and the address in which they
- 3 would have sent their reports, notices and
- 4 statements would have been 405 Southwest Atlantic.
- 5 Q. Was that a personal address or was that a
- 6 business address?
- 7 A. That was a family address.
- 8 O. When demands, notices or confirmations or
- 9 reports or any of those things were sent to this
- 10 address, is it your testimony that you reviewed
- 11 those documents?
- 12 A. Well, I went -- at the time I received the
- 13 notices and documents at the time I was living
- 14 there, I may have reviewed them, but it wasn't
- 15 anything other than just a cursory, casual review,
- 16 because we had no decision making power over the
- 17 account.
- 18 Q. How long did you reside at the address 405
- 19 Southwest Atlantic Drive?
- 20 A. I think I had left after a hurricane,
- 21 2005, maybe 2006.
- Q. Did you ever change your address with the
- 23 BLMIS?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Did you ever -- after leaving that address

- 1 in 2005, did you subsequently obtain a different
- 2 address?
- 3 A. I did.
- 4 O. And did you ask BLMIS to send
- 5 communications to that new address?
- 6 A. No, I did not. I had no reason to.
- 7 Q. You can put that document to the side.
- 8 I'm going to hand another document to the
- 9 court reporter and this will be Exhibit 5.
- 10 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 5, Tax Information,
- 11 was marked for identification.)
- 12 BY MS. MARASCO:
- Q. Here you go (handing).
- 14 Sir, I've handed you a document marked as
- 15 Exhibit 5. At the top it says "important new tax
- 16 information."
- 17 Have you seen this document before?
- 18 A. I signed it, so I must seen it, but I
- 19 don't know anything about it.
- Q. If you take a second to look at it, would
- 21 that help?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Does this document appear to be dated?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Looking at this document, do you have any

- 1 one separated earned assets from essentially the
- 2 inherited assets or transferred assets.
- 3 Q. Why might Ken-Wen have bought insurance
- 4 policies?
- 5 A. At the time I think we bought a
- 6 substantial life insurance policy on Violet Werner.
- 7 May have -- retirement planning or estate planning.
- 8 That's the only thing we were doing. That's what
- 9 that money was for, retirement planning and estate
- 10 planning.
- 11 Q. And golf courses?
- 12 A. No. I don't think so. I said the golf
- 13 courses, I believe, were KBCB, but then again, you
- 14 know, you're helping me, reminding me of things, so
- 15 it's nothing intentional.
- 16 O. I'm going to hand another document to the
- 17 court reporter, if she'll please mark it as
- 18 Exhibits 10.
- 19 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 10, Fax, was marked
- 20 for identification.)
- 21 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 22 O. Have you seen this document before?
- 23 A. I assume I did, because it's in my
- 24 handwriting again.
- Q. Okay. And did you sign this document?

- 1 A. I did.
- 2 Q. And you signed it in your capacity as a
- 3 GP, correct?
- 4 A. Right. I don't see any date on it,
- 5 though.
- Q. Do you see the fax number at the top of
- 7 the page?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 O. And to whom is this fax addressed?
- 10 A. Frank at Madoff Securities.
- 11 Q. And do you see the account number there?
- 12 A. I do.
- 13 Q. What account number is that?
- 14 A. 1EM226-3- -- it looks like zero.
- 15 O. And this is a request to wire 150,000 and
- 16 it looks like there was a request that it be sent
- 17 to Paradise Bank?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And that appears to be crossed out; is
- 20 that correct?
- 21 A. There's an X through it. Why, I don't
- 22 know. There's other writing here. It says, "spoke
- 23 to client, no wire."
- Q. And what's the -- you see 6-21 written
- 25 after that?

- 1 A. Yeah, it's not in my handwriting. I don't
- 2 know what that is.
- 3 Q. Did Ken-Wen ever switch from using RBC
- 4 Santora to Paradise Bank?
- 5 A. We may have switched or we may just had
- 6 the accounts setup simultaneously. Like I said, we
- 7 had different banks that we worked with and this, I
- 8 think, was business practices, different.
- 9 Q. And if they were in existence
- 10 simultaneously, why might the request be for
- 11 deposit into Paradise Bank instead of RBC?
- 12 A. For whatever reason it was at the time, I
- 13 don't know. It's, like I said, it's been a while,
- 14 so I don't know.
- 15 O. To your recollection, was the Paradise
- 16 Bank account also held by the Ken-Wen partnership?
- 17 A. I believe so, because he has an account
- 18 number there.
- 19 O. And then it -- the deposit request, it
- 20 says, "To Ken-Wen Family Limited Partnership," is
- 21 that correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 O. Okay. Who may have had access to the
- 24 Paradise Bank account?
- 25 A. Wendy Brown and Ken Brown.

- 1 O. Would anyone else have had access to the
- 2 Paradise Bank account?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 O. Do you recall whether you received
- 5 contemporaneous account statements from Paradise
- 6 Bank?
- 7 A. We got statements, sure, regularly.
- 8 Q. And you do at least a cursory review of
- 9 them, to your recollection?
- 10 A. Probably, yes.
- 11 Q. Do you recall whether you executed a new
- 12 account control agreement?
- 13 A. I don't know what you mean by that.
- 14 Q. We discussed earlier that Ken-Wen had
- 15 pledged the account to RBC Santora; do you recall
- 16 that?
- 17 A. I don't know if the whole account was
- 18 pledged or a portion of the account. Yes, there
- 19 was a pledge agreement with RBC Bank, but they had
- 20 no influence over the account, other than there may
- 21 have been a securities interest at the time. Maybe
- the \$600,000 paid them off, I don't know.
- 23 Q. To your recollection, did Paradise Bank
- ever have a security interest in the account?
- 25 A. No. Then again, I don't remember. I'm

- 1 sorry, I don't remember.
- 2 Q. So you mentioned earlier that this has a
- 3 notation that says "spoke to client, no wire," and
- 4 there's an X through it.
- 5 Do you recall speaking to someone at BLMIS
- 6 about this request?
- 7 A. No, I don't.
- 8 O. Do you know why the funds would not be
- 9 wired?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Do you recall receiving the funds by
- 12 another means?
- 13 A. No.
- Q. Okay. I'm going to hand another document
- 15 to the court reporter to mark as Exhibit 11.
- 16 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 11, Check, was marked
- for identification.)
- 18 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 19 Q. Have you seen this document before?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Can you tell me what it is?
- 22 A. It's a check.
- 23 O. From whom?
- A. B. L. Madoff.
- Q. And to whom is it addressed?

- 1 A. Ken-Wen Family Limited Partnership.
- 2 O. And what is the date of the check?
- 3 A. 6-26-2007.
- 4 O. Okay. And what is the amount of the
- 5 check?
- 6 A. \$150,000.
- 7 Q. Do you see a reference number in the
- 8 bottom left-hand corner of the check?
- 9 A. Yes, 1EM226-3.
- 10 Q. And then if you turn to the second page,
- 11 do you see the endorsement there?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And which bank does it appear to have been
- 14 deposited in?
- 15 A. It looks like it's stamped Paradise Bank.
- 16 Q. Why might Mr. Madoff be writing a check
- 17 for \$150,000 to the Ken-Wen Family Limited
- 18 Partnership?
- 19 A. Probably a distribution.
- 20 O. So when we talked about -- when we talked
- 21 about Exhibit 10 before, that was the fax with the
- 22 request for \$150,000?
- 23 A. Right.
- Q. And there was the notation that says "no
- 25 wire/6/21," right?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 O. And here we have a check dated 6/26/2007
- 3 for \$150,000 to Paradise Bank account. Suggests to
- 4 me that the funds were sent by check instead of
- 5 wire; does that sound like --
- 6 A. I have no reason to dispute that, sure.
- 7 It looks like the money was sent by check, yes.
- Q. Do you know why the money would be sent by
- 9 check as opposed to wire?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. So when you spoke to someone at BLMIS in
- 12 connection with this request that we marked as
- 13 Exhibit 10, it says "spoke to client, no wire."
- 14 Did they inform you that they would not be sending
- 15 a wire?
- 16 A. I don't know. I don't recall any of it,
- 17 but, for whatever reason, the document speaks for
- 18 itself. That's apparently what happened.
- 19 O. Okay. I'm going to hand another document
- 20 to the court reporter. This will be Exhibit 12.
- 21 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 12, Bank Statement,
- 22 was marked for identification.)
- MR. ROHER: Can we go off the record?
- 24 (Discussion held off the record).
- 25 BY MS. MARASCO:

- 1 Q. Are you all right to continue, sir?
- 2 A. I'm exhausted. I'm really tired. I
- 3 really want to go home and go to sleep.
- 4 O. I hear you.
- 5 A. Okay.
- 6 Q. Let me know if you need a break.
- 7 A. No, I'm fine.
- 8 O. Thank you.
- 9 So this has been marked as Exhibit 12.
- 10 This is another account statement for BLMIS at
- 11 JPMorgan Chase. The account number is 140081703.
- 12 Is that consistent with what you see in
- 13 front of you?
- 14 A. It is consistent with what I see, yes.
- 15 O. What is the date on this statement that
- 16 you have in front of you?
- 17 A. It looks like month end statement of
- 18 December 31st, 2007.
- 19 O. If we'll turn to Page 51, it's just about
- 20 the last page.
- 21 A. Got it.
- 22 Q. So you actually have the highlighted
- 23 version. It is the \$500,000 transfer. It's in the
- 24 middle there.
- Do you see where it says "12-31 fed wire

- 1 debit via Paradise Bank AC Ken-Wen Family Limited
- 2 Partnership"?
- 3 A. Right.
- 4 O. And that's a \$500,000 debit; is that
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. So it's fair to say, based on this, that
- 8 it looks like \$500,000 was wired from BLMIS to the
- 9 Paradise Bank account held by Ken-Wen?
- 10 A. That's what the document says.
- 11 Q. Do you recall requesting a \$500,000 wire
- 12 in December 2007?
- 13 A. No, I don't, but I just generally recall
- 14 that at the time of 2007 I wanted to be getting out
- 15 of the stock market. I didn't like the market
- 16 conditions. That's what my business was
- 17 forecasting, so that was probably a liquidation
- 18 effort to get out of the stock market.
- 19 O. When you made these requests, did you know
- 20 how much was left in the account?
- 21 A. I had a fair idea.
- Q. Based on what?
- 23 A. The statement.
- Q. So the statement that was sent to you from
- 25 BLMIS would reflect the balance of funds in the

- 1 fairly well-informed as to the value levels of the
- 2 account.
- 3 Q. By whom would you be informed?
- 4 A. Ms. Brown. We talked.
- 5 Q. Did you receive account statements as
- 6 well?
- 7 A. Or I would go to the house and review them
- 8 from time to time, but the address was always 405.
- 9 I wasn't trying to be ignorant of them, no. We
- 10 just had no decision making over them, other than
- 11 we could make withdrawals. That's the only
- 12 decisions we could make.
- 13 Q. So when you would have made a request in
- 14 December 2007 to withdraw \$500,000 from the
- 15 account, would you have conferred with Ms. Brown?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Would you need her consent to make that
- 18 request?
- 19 A. I think so. Yes, I think, because we were
- 20 both general partners at the time. Certainly if
- 21 there was a disagreement, then I think that there
- 22 would have been a disagreement, but it didn't
- 23 happen, so --
- Q. For example, what might have happened, if
- 25 you know, if you had made a request for a

- 1 withdrawal that exceeded the amount in the account?
- 2 A. It would not have happened. First of all,
- 3 Madoff would not have sent a withdrawal greater
- 4 than the amount that's in the account. It's just
- 5 not going to happen in the securities business.
- 6 O. Would that have been discussed? Would you
- 7 have made a phone call to determine how much was
- 8 left in the account?
- 9 A. Probably.
- 10 Q. I'm going to hand another document to the
- 11 court reporter to mark as Exhibit 13.
- 12 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 13, Fax Request, was
- marked for identification.)
- 14 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 15 Q. So this is going to be a little bit out of
- 16 order. Put that to the side for now. This is
- 17 going to be Exhibit 14.
- 18 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 14, Request for
- 19 Transfer, was marked for identification.)
- 20 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 21 Q. So now you have what's in front of you as
- 22 Exhibit 14. We'll talk about Exhibit 13 in just a
- 23 minute.
- Do you recognize this document?
- 25 A. Which exhibit am I on?

- 1 O. This is 14.
- 2 A. You want me to talk about that one?
- Q. Yes.
- 4 A. Okay.
- 5 Q. Do you recognize this document?
- 6 A. It's in my handwriting.
- 7 Q. Okay. And what does it appear to be?
- 8 A. A transfer of \$500,000.
- 9 Q. It's a request for a transfer of 500,000;
- 10 is that right?
- 11 A. "Please wire transfer 500,000 to Ken-Wen
- 12 Family Limited Partnership."
- Q. Do you see the address there?
- 14 A. I do.
- 15 Q. And is that the address we were just
- 16 discussing before?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. That's 405 Southwest Atlantic Drive?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. To what account is the request seeking a
- 21 deposit?
- 22 A. Ken-Wen Family Limited Partnership at
- 23 Paradise Bank.
- Q. Okay. And you signed this document in
- 25 your capacity as GP; is that right?

- 1 A. I did.
- Q. And then at the top in the bottom -- I'm
- 3 sorry, at the top left-hand corner there's a note
- 4 that says "free hand," do you see that?
- 5 A. I do.
- 6 O. What does that mean?
- 7 A. I don't know.
- 8 O. Is that your handwriting as well?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. And then in the right-hand side in that
- 11 big blank space there it says "3.6 million," do you
- 12 see that?
- 13 A. I do.
- Q. Does that sound like that may have been
- 15 the balance?
- 16 A. I think so.
- 17 Q. And then you see the bottom, it looks like
- 18 a little symbol there, and it says "12/31"?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Now, I will turn to what was previously
- 21 marked as Exhibit 13 that everyone should have.
- 22 And this appears to be another fax request; is that
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. Yes, it is.
- Q. And is this your handwriting?

- 1 A. Yes, it is.
- 2 Q. And to whom is the fax addressed?
- 3 A. Frank at Madoff.
- Q. Do you see the reference number there?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 O. What account is that?
- 7 A. Ken-Wen Family Limited Partnership.
- 8 O. And the account number?
- 9 A. 1EM226-3-0.
- 10 Q. And then what does it say just beneath
- 11 that?
- 12 A. "Please liquidate \$3 million from the
- 13 account and wire transfer proceeds to Ken-Wen
- 14 Family Limited Partnership, Paradise Bank."
- 15 Q. Do you recall why you made a request to
- 16 liquidate the account?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Why?
- 19 A. I was troubled by the stock market. I
- 20 wanted to get liquidity as quickly as possible and
- 21 at the time we decided we wanted to have greater
- 22 control over our moneys, rather than have a
- 23 discretionary account, which we had no control
- 24 over, if we were looking at hard times coming in
- 25 the marketplace, which eventually did. It was

- 1 called the financial crisis of 2008, 2009, 2010,
- 2 2011, 2012. That's why we got out of the
- 3 marketplace.
- 4 O. And you said you were troubled by the
- 5 market. What caused you to be troubled?
- 6 A. The policy at the fed and the misstated
- 7 conditions of our banking system. Something called
- 8 subprime loans. I can go on and on. Our
- 9 disappointments over trade and the way we were not
- 10 being able to accomplish anything in Congress to do
- 11 anything about stimulating growth.
- 12 O. And you were in tune with this. Was that
- in connection with your business?
- 14 A. Yes, yes, religiously.
- 15 O. And K. W. Brown Investments and 21st
- 16 Century were still operating?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. Did you tell me when they stopped
- 19 operating?
- 20 A. March of 2008.
- 21 Q. So with the request to liquidate the 3
- 22 million, was it your understanding that that
- 23 withdrawal would wipe out the account?
- 24 A. I think that -- if I may proceed ahead of
- 25 you. It says 3.1 down at the bottom. I thought a

- 1 small residual would be there to keep the account
- 2 open, in case we wanted to come back.
- Q. And do you recall receiving the funds, the
- 4 \$3 million in funds?
- 5 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you recall where they were deposited?
- 7 A. At Paradise Bank.
- 8 Q. And what did you do with those funds?
- 9 A. We had established some sophisticated
- 10 financial planning and estate planning by creating
- 11 an offshore trust so that we could trade in foreign
- 12 currencies. With the U.S. dollar at any of the
- 13 relationship of what the banking system was telling
- 14 me, the Australian dollar was at \$0.55 to the
- 15 dollar. The Canadian dollar was at \$0.62 to the
- 16 dollar and I could see our dollar falling the same,
- 17 so I wanted to get out of U.S. currency for a
- 18 safety feature.
- 19 O. Was the full 3 million invested into the
- 20 offshore?
- 21 A. I think 3.8 million was.
- 22 O. Where did the other .8 come from?
- 23 A. I don't know now. It's a long time, but
- 24 the other statements I think show that somewhere
- 25 along the line.

- 1 Q. And you said it was a trust?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. What was the name of the trust?
- 4 A. South Pack.
- 5 Q. Just to close the loop on that, I'm going
- 6 to hand to the court reporter to mark as
- 7 Exhibit 15.
- 8 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 15, Bank Statement,
- 9 was marked for identification.)
- 10 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 11 Q. If you'll turn to Page 47 of 63.
- 12 Are you there?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. Do you see in the middle of the page
- 15 there's an entry -- sorry. Just to take a step
- 16 back.
- 17 Do you recognize this document?
- 18 A. I don't recognize the document.
- 19 O. What do you understand it to be?
- 20 A. I understand it to be Madoff's Baton Rouge
- 21 statement at Chase Bank, Chase Morgan.
- 22 O. And what is the date on this statement?
- 23 A. Ending date is January 31st, 2008.
- Q. And then the account number is 140081703;
- 25 is that correct?

- 1 A. Yes, same as the previous one.
- 2 O. So turning back to Page 47 of 63, now that
- 3 we've established what it is. I'm looking at the
- 4 middle of the page, entry on January 24th, 2008.
- 5 Do you see "fed wire debit via Paradise
- 6 Bank AC Ken-Wen Family Limited Partnership transfer
- 7 for ref Ken-Wen for \$3 million"?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And is that consistent with the request
- 10 that you made to liquidate the account that we just
- 11 discussed in Exhibit 13?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Okay. So it's accurate to say that the
- 14 funds would have been transferred from BLMIS to the
- 15 Paradise Bank account?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 O. This will be Exhibit 16.
- 18 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 16, Check, was marked
- 19 for identification.)
- 20 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 21 Q. Do you recognize this document?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Looking at it now, can you tell me what it
- 24 is?
- 25 A. It's a check from B. L. Madoff to Ken-Wen

- 1 Family Limited Partnership.
- 2 O. And what's the date on the check?
- 3 A. 11-17-2003 or is that 2008? I can't make
- 4 it out.
- 5 Q. Actually, if you look on the left-hand
- 6 side under the star 031, there's a date there
- 7 that's a little more clear.
- 8 A. 11-25-2008.
- 9 Q. Okay. And do you see the account number
- 10 referenced in the bottom left-hand corner?
- 11 A. I do.
- 12 O. And what is the account number?
- 13 A. 1EM226-3.
- Q. And then on the back page, do you see
- 15 whether or not -- can you tell me whether this
- 16 check was endorsed?
- 17 A. It was.
- 18 Q. By whom?
- 19 A. It would appear to be Ms. Brown's
- 20 handwriting to Paradise Bank.
- Q. But it says Ken-Wen Family; is that right?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. We discussed earlier you made a request to
- 24 liquidate the account for 3 million and I said,
- 25 "Did that wipe out the account?" And you said,

- 1 "You would guess that, because the bottom of the
- 2 page said 3.1, that there would be 100,000 left in
- 3 the account to keep it open, " do you recall that?
- 4 A. I do recall that.
- 5 Q. Okay. This check appears to be in the
- 6 amount of 200,000; is that correct?
- 7 A. Yeah, it's 200,000.
- 8 O. Why might this check exceed the balance
- 9 that you believe to be in the account?
- 10 A. Well, whatever was -- I don't know if this
- 11 is the last check or the liquidating check.
- 12 Further, we left a small balance in the account. I
- 13 don't remember what the residual was because the
- 14 3.1 was not my handwriting. So I wanted to
- 15 liquidate the account and just leave the vestige of
- 16 the money there and my wife also agreed with that.
- 17 O. Do you recall requesting \$200,000?
- 18 A. No. I was no longer a general partner
- 19 then.
- Q. This will be Exhibit 17.
- 21 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 17, Bank Statement,
- was marked for identification.)
- 23 BY MS. MARASCO:
- Q. Do you recognize this document?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 O. Can you tell me what it is?
- 2 A. It's a handwritten document by me for
- 3 200,000. I don't know what the date is.
- 4 O. Do you see the account number there?
- 5 A. I do.
- 6 O. What account number is that?
- 7 A. Same as always, EM226-3.
- 8 O. It says, "Please mail check to Ken-Wen FLP
- 9 Limited for 200,000 as requested." Am I reading
- 10 that correctly?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And to whom is this request addressed?
- 13 A. Irwin at Madoff.
- 14 Q. I'm reading that as Aaron.
- 15 A. Aaron? Okay. At Madoff, yes.
- 16 Q. Do you recall speaking with Aaron?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. How did you know to send the request to
- 19 Aaron?
- 20 A. Most likely by discussing it.
- 21 Q. And did you sign this document?
- 22 A. I did.
- 23 O. And how did you sign this document?
- 24 A. Kenneth Brown FLP.
- Q. And we just discussed the \$200,000 check

- 1 and I asked you if you had requested it and you
- 2 said you don't recall, but you weren't a general
- 3 partner at that time.
- 4 A. That's right.
- 5 O. Is that still correct?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Do you see the handwritten notation at the
- 8 bottom left-hand corner, the 11/17?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Looking now at Exhibit 16, can you just
- 11 tell me again the date on the check?
- 12 A. 11-17-2008.
- 13 Q. Okay. So is it likely that that check was
- 14 a result of this request?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. But it's your testimony that you
- 17 were not a general partner at that time?
- 18 A. That's right.
- 19 O. And so why did you make a request for a
- 20 \$200,000 withdrawal?
- 21 A. Probably to facilitate a transfer of the
- 22 money out of the account.
- 23 Q. And how did you know that there was
- 24 \$200,000 left in the account?
- 25 A. I don't recall, but it went to 405

- 1 Southwest Atlantic where I wasn't living at the
- 2 time.
- Q. Do you recall conferring with Ms. Werner
- 4 with respect to this request?
- 5 A. I'm sure we would have discussed it.
- 6 O. And then at the bottom corner of the
- 7 account, do you see handwriting there?
- 8 A. I do.
- 9 Q. And that's not your handwriting; is that
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. No, it's not.
- 12 Q. Can you tell me what it says?
- 13 A. "Asterisk will be refunding account with
- 14 brackets three million in."
- 15 Q. Okay. And did you ever refund the
- 16 account?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. We discussed earlier that it was -- you
- 19 were troubled by the market and that you wanted to
- 20 get out of the market; do you recall that?
- 21 A. Yes, absolutely. That's exactly right.
- 22 Q. Why might this notation indicate that you
- 23 would be refunding the account?
- 24 A. Well, market conditions improved. Right
- 25 now, my philosophy was to be more aggressive with

| 1  | MR. ROHER: So I object to this whole line     |
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| 2  | of questioning.                               |
| 3  | Do you realize who filed this?                |
| 4  | MS. MARASCO: I do.                            |
| 5  | MR. ROHER: Just so I'm just so I'm on         |
| 6  | the same page with you                        |
| 7  | MS. MARASCO: This is not a deposition of      |
| 8  | me.   |
| 9  | MR. ROHER: Okay, but I don't know why you     |
| 10 | are asking him questions about this. It's not |
| 11 | his answers to the admissions. You are asking |
| 12 | the wrong party.                              |
| 13 | MS. MARASCO: He was a general partner         |
| 14 | but   |
| 15 | MR. ROHER: Honestly, this is making no        |
| 16 | sense to me. He was a general partner as of   |
| 17 | 2008. This isn't even                         |
| 18 | MS. MARASCO: I'm going to note for the        |
| 19 | record that counsel is making a very lengthy  |
| 20 | speaking objection and I would just ask that  |
| 21 | we could have this discussion off the record. |
| 22 | MR. ROHER: That's fine. We can go off         |
| 23 | the record. I never refuse to go off the      |
| 24 | record.                                       |
| 25 | MS. MARASCO: I'm going to ask you then        |
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- 1 questions using Exhibit 19, which is the --
- which is this Exhibit B here, this chart.
- 3 This is a complaint that was filed against the
- 4 Ken-Wen Limited Partnership and names
- 5 Mr. Brown as general partner and a defendant,
- 6 so I'm going to proceed with using this
- 7 document.
- 8 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 9 Q. When we are looking at this document,
- 10 column five identifies certain withdrawals; do you
- 11 see that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And these are withdrawals that were made
- 14 from the account. If you see at the top, BLMIS
- 15 account 1EM226, Ken-Wen Family Limited Partnership
- 16 Limited. Do you see that?
- 17 A. Yes.
- MR. ROHER: Object to form.
- 19 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 20 Q. Okay. So at the bottom, let's start from
- 21 the very bottom. Do you see that there is a date
- 22 11-17-2008, a check for \$200,000, and do you see
- 23 that amount as a withdrawal?
- 24 A. Yes.
- MR. ROHER: Object to form.

- 1 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 2 Q. And so that was the \$200,000 check that we
- 3 just discussed from Mr. Madoff?
- 4 MR. ROHER: Object to form.
- 5 THE WITNESS: It's the same date, yes.
- 6 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 7 Q. Okay. And then going one above to the
- 8 January 24th, 2008 check wire and you see that
- 9 \$3 million withdrawal?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And we discussed that was the request to
- 12 liquidate the account?
- MR. ROHER: Object to form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 15 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 16 O. Okay. And then one above, 12-31-2007
- 17 check wire, \$500,000 withdrawal. Do you see that
- 18 as well?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. And do you recall us discussing that as a
- 21 wire into the Paradise Bank account?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 MR. ROHER: Object to form.
- MS. MARASCO: I would just ask that you
- not interrupt your client when he's answering.

- 1 MS. ROHER: So let me object.
- THE WITNESS: I will.
- 3 MR. ROHER: Ken, let me object.
- 4 THE WITNESS: I understand. I understand
- 5 now.
- 6 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 7 Q. And then just one further up, 6-26-2007,
- 8 check, \$150,000. Do you recall discussing that
- 9 check from Mr. Madoff?
- 10 MR. ROHER: Object to form.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I recall, yes.
- 12 BY MS. MARASCO:
- Q. Okay. So is it accurate to say, at least
- 14 with respect to those four transfers, that this
- 15 chart accurately reflects withdrawals from the
- 16 account?
- 17 MR. ROHER: Object to form.
- 18 THE WITNESS: It comports with what we
- 19 discussed today, yes.
- 20 BY MS. MARASCO:
- 21 O. Okay. And we discussed that when those
- 22 withdrawals were made, they were deposited into an
- 23 account held by the Ken-Wen Family Partnership; is
- 24 that correct?
- 25 A. Those three deposits, yes.

- 1 O. The four?
- 2 A. Four deposits, yes.
- Q. Okay. We discussed earlier that the
- 4 accounts at either RBC or Paradise Bank was held in
- 5 the name of the partnership; is that right?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. We discussed that only you or Wendy had
- 8 access to the RBC Bank; is that correct?
- 9 A. That's my understanding, yes.
- 10 Q. Only you and Wendy had access to the
- 11 Paradise Bank account; is that correct?
- 12 A. That would be my understanding, yes.
- 13 Q. Do you have any reason to believe that
- 14 anyone else would have accessed or would have had
- 15 access to the four withdrawals that we just
- 16 discussed?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Okay. We discussed earlier that you
- 19 called BLMIS and spoke with someone on the phone
- 20 when you wanted to make a withdrawal; is that
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. I think so, yes.
- 23 Q. Did you ever meet with anyone at BLMIS in
- 24 person?
- 25 A. No, never did.

- 1 O. Never?
- 2 A. I wanted to meet with Madoff, but it never
- 3 happened.
- 4 O. Did you ever meet Mr. Pascali?
- 5 A. No.
- Q. And so how do you know who to call when
- 7 you wanted to make a withdrawal?
- 8 A. They would answer the phone.
- 9 Q. So it was just a general line and you were
- 10 directed to whomever answered the phone?
- 11 A. Yes, and I would say "I want to do a
- 12 transfer."
- 13 Q. There were no extensions or anything like
- 14 that?
- 15 A. No, it seemed like a very small firm at
- 16 the time.
- 17 O. Okay.
- 18 A. Which made it seem personal.
- 19 O. And then when you spoke to someone on the
- 20 phone, they would give you instruction about how to
- 21 make the withdrawal request; is that correct?
- 22 A. Precisely.
- Q. Did BLMIS send written correspondence to
- 24 your recollection?
- 25 A. No.

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| 4  | COUNTY OF BROWARD  |
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